MR. T. C. THOMMAN (*Secretary to Government*) : I have no information.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the average rate of *kudivila* for a candy of teak timber in 1108 ?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the Government are prepared to surrender their rights on the teak trees standing on registered holdings?

PRESIDENT : That is a hypothetical question.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Government propese surrendering their rights on teak trees standing on registered holdings ?

MR. T.C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : That is a question of policy.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know whether questions of policy cannot be questioned ?

PRESIDENT : I have said that it cannot be allowed as a supplementary question.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know whether there is any *pakuthi* in the State where the private lands could actually be exploited ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There is the registry holder to look into that.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know whether the Government have received any complaints about that ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There might have been.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : So, Government are not sure ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No definite information is not available just now.

The Chengannur-Illimala Canal.

148. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any estimate for investigation for preparing plans and estimate regarding the improvement of the Chengannur-Illimala Canal has been submitted to the Chief Engineer by the Irrigation Executive Engineer ;

(*b*) the action taken by the Chief Engineer in the matter ;

(*c*) the approximate extent of the paddy lands that will be benefited by the proposed improvement of this canal ;

(*d*) whether there was budget estimate for any work connected with this canal in any former year or years ; and

(*e*) whether the whole or any portion of this canal was surveyed and, if so, when and the amount spent for the same ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

* This question was answered by Mr. T. C. Thommen.

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(*b*) The Chief Engineer has submitted the estimate to Government and the matter is under consideration of Government.

(*c*) The extent of paddy lands that will be benefited cannot be ascertained until a detailed investigation has been made.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) A survey of the canal for preparing a rough estimate was made in 1099 M. E., and an expenditure of Rs. 73-4-0 was incurred.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the date on which the Irrigation Executive Engineer submitted his estimate to the Chief Engineer?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): 7-2-1934.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the date on which the Chief Engineer submitted his report to Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): 18-6-1934.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the object of Government in conducting the survey of the canal in 1099?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government wanted to get an idea of the irrigation facilities in the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know what action they have taken subsequent to that survey?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): An estimate was called for. It was considered by Government. Then, the proposal was allowed to lie over.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): When did the Government decide that it might be allowed to lie over?

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I submit a point for the consideration of the Chair? The printed answer has been given by one official member, and our supplementary questions are being answered by another. Is that permissible?

PRESIDENT: The official member who answered the interpellation had to resign for certain reasons which the Government considered acceptable. The Dewan has accepted his resignation. After that resignation was accepted, request was made to the President to permit another official member to answer the supplementary questions: and the President has permitted it.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): In answer to part (*b*), it is stated that the matter is under the consideration of Government. But just now the member said that the Government have decided to allow the matter to lie over.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): At one stage, it was allowed to lie over: now, it has been again taken up for consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): How long is it since the matter has been under the consideration of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Since the Chief Engineer submitted his report.

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